Mr. Stanton's Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, May 21-9.30 P. P.-Major General Dix: - Despatches from General Sherman state that our forces found in Rome a good deal of provisions and of fine iron works and machinery. We have secured two good bridges and one excellent ford across the Etowha. The cars are now arriving at Kingston with stores, and two days would be given to replenish and fit up.

A despatch just received from Gen. Banks, dated at Alexandria, the 8th day of May, states that "the dam will be completed to-morrow, (May 9,) and the gunboats relieved."-He would then move immediately for the Mis-

SISSIPPI.

Gen. Canby was at the mouth of Red river on the 14th of May, collecting forces to assist Banks if necessary.

Desparches from General Butler, dated at 10 o'clock last night report that he had been fighting all day, the enemy endeavoring to close in on our lines. We shall hold on.

We have captured the rebel Gen. Walker, of the Texas troops. EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, May 22-10 P. M.-To Maj. General Dix, New York: - On Friday evening General Grant commenced a movement for the purpose of compelling Lee to abandon his position at Spott-ylvania, the details of which, for obvious reasons should not be made public. It has thus far progressed successfully. Longstreet's corps started south at 1 o'clock on Friday night; and an hour and a half after, Hancock moved. Ewell's corps followed Longstreet last night.

The indications are that the rebel army has fallen back beyond the North Anna. Hoke's brigade has joined Lee. The movement of General Grant has thus been accomplished without any severe engagement or serious interruption. We now occupy Guiney's Station, Milford Station and south of the Mattapony on

that line.

A despatch received this morning from Gen. Canby, dated May 14, at the mouth of the Red river, says: "We have rumors to-day from rebel sources that the gunboats, except two, succeeded in getting over the falls at Al. exandria on the day mentioned in Gen. Bank's despatch." No despatches have been received to-day from Gen. Butler. Despatches from Kingston state that General Sherman's forces are resting and replenishing their supplies.

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